

FLOOD SITUATION IS IMPROVED

California Rivers Threatening no Higher Rise

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE HAPPENINGS

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 15.—The legislature closed an active week this afternoon and adjourned until Monday. The senate committee on elections is organized, and on Thursday will hold the first public hearing on the direct primary measures. The assembly committee on public morals is also organized, but no date set for hearing racetrack bills. The assembly adopted a resolution endorsing the Hetch-Hetchy water supply for San Francisco after the first serious affray of the session. An attempt to amend failed.

Are Planning to Rebuild the City of Messina

(Associated Press.)
MESSINA, Jan. 15.—Signs of renewed activity, now that conditions are more settled are noticeable everywhere. Many persons who left the city after the earthquake are returning, anxious to start life anew. Plans are being made for rebuilding a new town, situated on a field a mile distant from the railway station. The type of buildings safest in the event of another earthquake is being discussed. The only building that withstood the earthquake was that of Dr. Camerai, which is built on a platform of cement, and made of hollow bricks, held together by wires.

HALL LIKELY TO RECOVER FROM WOUND

The condition of J. F. Hall, who arrived in this city Thursday night from Golden Arrow, where he had an altercation with Frank Conway and was shot through the neck, was very much improved yesterday and unless unforeseen complications set in he will recover. He was resting easily yesterday afternoon at the Miners' Union hospital and when seen by a Bonanza representative refused to discuss the case, stating that it was in the hands of the district attorney. The bullet entered the neck over the left shoulder and passed out the rear of the right shoulder. Frank Conway, who Hall charges with doing the shooting, arrived from Golden Arrow yesterday afternoon and gave himself up to the sheriff. He was placed in the county jail and refused to make a statement. Deputy Sheriff Thomas Marshall left yesterday morning for the scene of the shooting to place Conway under arrest, but it is presumed that he took a different route than Conway, as they did not meet on the way. Marshall will return today. Both men bear excellent reputations in the Golden Arrow district and it is presumed that the trouble arose over mining property.

GOLDFIELD NEWS PUTS OUT FINE EDITION

The issue of the Goldfield News of last Saturday was an exceptionally fine piece of work, and is a good piece of advertising for southern Nevada. The issue was of some twenty-four pages, and was filled with well written descriptive matter, embellished with excellent cuts, relating to the various camps of the southern part of the state. Tonopah, by the way, comes in for over two columns of space, the big mines of this camp being treated each in some detail.

FRIDAY'S TRAIN HELD UP BY A WASHOUT

Train No. 24, which is due in this city at 11 o'clock a. m., did not arrive until 12 o'clock last night. The delay was caused by the Carson river overflowing its banks at Fort Churchill and washing out a small portion of the track. When the Washout was discovered the train backed to Hazen, where it stayed until the track was repaired.

CHANGES IN LOCAL T. & G. DEPOT FORCE

J. R. Johnson, who for some time past has occupied the position of ticket agent of the Tonopah and Goldfield railway, resigned that position yesterday and will be succeeded by J. E. Hogan of Goldfield, who held a like position in the southern city. Mr. Hogan is succeeded by H. E. Gier, also of the southern city.

DON'T LIKE ACTION OF CHINESE GOVERNMENT

(By Associated Press.)
PEKING, Jan. 16.—W. W. Rockhill, the American minister, and Sir J. N. Jordan, the British minister, today called upon Prince Ching, president of the foreign board, and made representations on the subject of the recent dismissal from office of Yuan Shai Kai. The American and British ministers disclaimed intervention, but it is thought they objected to the dismissal. They were acting in accordance with recommendations from their respective governments.

PROFITS OF BUSINESS SHARED WITH EMPLOYEES

(By Associated Press.)
OAKLAND (Cal.), Jan. 15.—George Mosbacher, proprietor of the Palace Cloak and Suit company of this city, is attempting to solve the labor problem by sharing profits of the year with his employees. He has presented clerks of five and two years' service with checks, giving the former a sum amounting to as much as many clerks earn in a year. He announces that the sharing will be in vogue during the coming year.

Although Much Damage to the Railroads is Reported, Stock- ton and Sacramento are out of Danger--Feather River is Still Booming

CHICO, Cal., Jan. 15.—By the breaking of the huge dam of the Oroville Light and Power company across Philbrook creek, a tributary of Feather river, an immense wall of water swept down the valley, carrying away several smaller dams and a number of bridges. The water in the west branch of the Feather river is ten feet above the highest previous mark. While all bottom lands are flooded, little damage is done in the vicinity of Chico. It is feared the crest of the flood will not reach the valley until some time tonight or tomorrow.

RAILROAD TIED UP.

REDDING, Jan. 15.—A hundred yards of the Southern Pacific tracks between Coran and Kennett are washed out, and no trains are operating tonight through the Sacramento canyon.

DANGER OVER AT STOCKTON.

STOCKTON, Jan. 15.—All streams in the mountains east of Stockton are falling tonight and danger of further overflow is past.

SACRAMENTO SAFE.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 15.—The

American river is at a standstill, but the Sacramento is rising and has reached twenty-six feet, several feet below the danger line. The river is falling up the valley.

YUBA CITY IN DANGER.

YUBA CITY, Jan. 15.—A thousand feet of the Southern Pacific tracks south of this city were washed out by high water today. The Feather river is over twenty-five feet, a foot and a half below flood-time high water mark. Great fears are felt at Loma, five miles north. The levees are feeling the strain, and should they give way a large area will be flooded. A report from Oroville says a dam forty miles above has gone out.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—The cold weather which prevailed for ten days gave way today to decidedly warmer weather and general rain. The snow is melting and the rivers have commenced to rise. The waters may not reach flood for several days. Train service to the east is demoralized, owing to snowslides.

HAINS IS NOT GUILTY

(By Associated Press.)
FLUSHING, Jan. 15.—Thornton J. Hains, charged with complicity in the murder of William E. Ennis, was acquitted today after the jury had been out twenty-two hours. Fifteen ballots were taken, the first standing eight to four for acquittal.

When the verdict was announced the spectators cheered loudly, clapped hands, and caused a din so great that the blows of Judge Crane's gavel were heard only a few feet away.

Hains' face was a study of emotional change. From a haggard look his face quickly brightened in smile to the jurors, then turning to Shay, one of his counsel, he shook his hand. Tears filled his eyes and he drew a handkerchief and wiped them away. As Hains left the court room he said: "I am going back to the Long Island city jail to see Connie and tell him the glorious news. I shall visit him every day now. Tonight I am going to the Hotel Astor to be with my father and mother, and tomorrow plan to go to Washington to get my little daughter and bring her back to our little home at Bay Ridge." Hains was given a demonstration by the townspeople as he left the court room. He spent a few moments at the hotel, then whirled away in an automobile to the jail to get his effects and greet his brother.

PARK GETS PROMOTED.

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Jan. 15.—The Post today says General Superintendent Park, of the Union Pacific, is advanced to the head of the operative department of all the Harriman lines in the west.

JURORS COMING SLOWLY

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Three jurors, subject to peremptory challenge, have been selected to try Patrick Calhoun, and the panel of 150 is exhausted. A new panel will be in court Tuesday, to which date the court adjourned. The process of examination was accelerated today and twenty talesmen examined, only one of whom passed. An early rebuke by the court, and threat of punishment for contempt, checked the first tendency toward acrimonious disputes this morning, and the balance of the day lacked verbal encounters.

McFARLAND HAD IT OVER DICK HYLAND

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—Packer McFarland, of Chicago, had the best of Dick Hyland, of San Francisco, in a ten-round no decision battle before the Pacific Athletic club tonight. McFarland did the cleverest fighting, but Hyland was strong throughout, coming back after every exchange, except in the final round.

CHICAGO UNION CLUB IS TO SERVE COURSE DINNER

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—To strengthen friendship ties, the Union club of the Occident will act as host at an onion dinner to be served to fifty guests tomorrow evening. With the exception of bread and butter, every course will be an onion preparation. There will be eight or nine courses, including a fricassee, an omelet, an old-fashioned stew and something recently discovered by one of the contributors to a woman's magazine.

TO SIMPLIFY THE AFFAIRS OF THE NAVY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—An importance conference on administration of naval affairs by the navy department, which may result in reorganization of the system at present in vogue in the department was held today. Criticism of naval administration under the present bureau system resulted in bringing together today ten men of wide experience in navy department matters. Those in attendance were Supreme Court Justice Moody and Paul Morton, former secretary of the navy; United States Judge Dayton of West Virginia, former chairman of the house committee on naval affairs; Herbert L. Satterlee, assistant secretary of the navy; Rear Admiral Evans, retired; Rear Admirals Mahan, retired, and Luce, retired, both on special duty at the naval war college at Newport; Rear Admiral Folger, retired, former chief of ordinance; Rear Admiral Cowles, chief of the bureau of equipment, and Commander Fullam of the naval training station at Newport, who acted as recorder. Morton presided. Secretary Newberry announced later that the conference approved plans he already has put into effect, which includes an enlargement of the general board so as to make it representative of all branches of the service, and designating the chief of the bureau of construction as acting chief of the bureau of steam engineering and suggesting possibility of a merger of these bureaus.

Policeman is Killed by Thug

(By Associated Press.)
OMAHA (Neb.), Jan. 15.—Patrolman L. A. Smith is dead; Detective W. G. Deverez is probably fatally injured; Albert Clark is fatally hurt, and Betsy Smith is dangerously shot as the result of an attempt by a man named Clark to hold up Anna Wilson's place on Ninth street, early this morning. Clark entered the Wilson place and at the point of a revolver commanded the inmates to hold up their hands. At the same time he snatched a diamond necklace from the neck of the Wilson woman and escaped to the street. Betsy Smith followed him. Clark fired a shot into her shoulder, inflicting a dangerous wound. Her screams brought Patrolman Smith to the scene. Clark at once began shooting at the officer, firing two bullets into his body. Smith raised himself to a sitting posture and fired twice, one bullet taking effect in Clark's leg. A squad of officers immediately began to search for the wounded robber. He was found on the Douglas bridge by Detectives Deverez and Heitfeld. As soon as the officers came up Clark began firing. One bullet struck Deverez in the stomach, mortally wounding him. Detective Heitfeld then shot Clark twice. At the emergency hospital Clark said he came from Denver three days ago.

SIX KILLED BY A TRAIN WRECK

(By Associated Press.)
GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Jan. 15.—The west-bound train on the Denver and Rio Grande, No. 15, is reported in collision with east-bound freight, No. 66, near Dotsero, twenty miles east of here. It is reported that six persons were killed and many injured.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The house today, after disposal of the morning business, gave itself to consideration of bills on the private calendar.

THREE-MASTER GOES ON ROCKS NEAR ASTORIA

(By Associated Press.)
ASTORIA, Jan. 15.—The French three master Alice, bound to London from Portland, went ashore twenty miles north of Columbia river at daylight. It is understood the crew reached shore.

CARROLL TAKES OFFICE AS IOWA'S GOVERNOR

DES MOINES (Ia.), Jan. 15.—G. F. Carroll today took the oath of office and was sworn in as Iowa's governor.

CASE AGAINST STEAMSHIP COMPANY DISMISSED

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—The government's prosecution of the Pacific Mail Steamship company for permitting eleven Chinese to escape from the company's detention sheds on September 8, and eighteen more on November 20, has been dismissed by United States Commissioner Heacock. It was held that the transportation company was only required to use due diligence in the prevention of the escape of aliens not authorized to land in the United States.

THE METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Lake copper, 14.27 1/2 @ 14.50; electrolytic, 14.12 1/2; casting, 13.87 1/2. Silver, 51 3/4; Mexican, 45.

IS SEEKING TO OUST SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE

OLYMPIA (Wash.), Jan. 15.—A complaint in quo warranto has been filed by Charles B. Coon, retiring lieutenant governor, seeking to oust from office the incoming lieutenant governor, M. E. Hay. The complaint alleges that Hay is disqualified because he paid for newspaper advertisements during the primary campaign, an alleged violation of the law.